

# FURIOUS FIGHTING BETWEEN JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN FLEETS AT PORT ARTHUR DYNAMITE OR NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION AT LITTLETON WRECKS HOTEL AND KILLS GUESTS ANOTHER BIG WRECK OCCURS ON THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO TRACKS NEAR OAKLAND

## Japanese Bombarded the Port and Its Defenses and Destroyed Russian Battleship--Russian Reports Also Tell of Two Other Bombardments at Port Arthur and Say Japanese Ship Was Struck.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, March 23--A dispatch from Mopu, opposite Shannan, Japan, says the Japanese fleet made an attack on Port Arthur on March 18, bombarded the port and its defenses and fought a furious engagement with the Russian fleet outside the harbor, destroying one Russian battleship. Seven Japanese casualties are reported. Nothing is said of the condition of the Japanese fleet. The naval department has not been advised of this engagement.

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, March 23--Official reports from both General Alexoff and Admiral Makaroff tell of the Japanese bombarding Port Arthur on the 21st and 22d saying the Russian fleet went out of the inner harbor, but the reports say nothing of the results except that one Japanese ship was struck. Russian casualties were five killed and one wounded.

At eleven o'clock on the 22d the Japanese fleet withdrew. Further details are expected to-day. It is understood here that no newspaper dispatches are permitted to leave Port Arthur.

By Associated Press.

Tokio, March 23--The House of Representatives is investigating the charge that Teisaku Akeyama, a member of Parliament, is an employee of the Russian government. His newspaper has been bitterly assailing the government and has been suppressed.

## LEAGUE CONVENTION

REPUBLICAN HOSTS GATHER AT PARKERSBURG TO ATTEND STATE LEAGUE MEETING.

Harrison County Fares Well in Committee Assignments--Snodgrass Will Be Elected President Without Much Opposition.

Special to the Telegram.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 23--There was a gathering of Republican hosts here last night and this morning. Every train brought large delegations from the various counties of the state to the Republican State League convention. Enthusiasm and harmony abound on every hand.

President Parkinson, of Moundsville, called the convention to order at eleven o'clock and Rev. J. H. Miller, of this city, offered prayer.

John F. Flaherty then made an address of welcome on behalf of the city and was followed by Senator Charles T. Caldwell, who extended the hospitality of Wood county.

President Parkinson followed Senator Caldwell, accepting the hospitality extended by the city and county and thanking them in a very grateful manner.

Committees were then announced as follows:

Committee on Resolutions--Hood, of Kanawha; Burley, of Marshall; Harmer, of Harrison; Work, of Tyler; and Thew, of Ohio.

On Order of Business--Dr. Ott, of Ohio; Smith, of Wood; Roseberry, of Marshall; Rogers, of Mason; and Hall, of Lewis.

Committee on Organization--Matthew, of Kanawha; King, of Marshall; Armstrong, of Tyler; Riggs, of Mason, and Highland, of Harrison.

At 1:30 p. m., after the noon recess J. H. Moore, of Philadelphia, president of the national league, was introduced by President Parkinson, and addressed the convention at length, making a very edifying and enthusiastic speech. He was followed by other speakers.

It was announced at the beginning of the afternoon session that the train bringing Senator Deliver and Senator Scott from Washington, has been delayed by a wreck and that they would not arrive before three o'clock.

The election of officers will be one of the last proceedings of the convention. John H. Snodgrass, of Wheeling, will be elected president, without much opposition, of h. dist.

## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

The Harrison county circuit court will be convened here to-morrow morning at nine o'clock in special term. Judge Mason is engaged in hearing the famous King land case at Fairmont and will not be present. A special judge will be elected from among the members of the local bar. Motions by the South Penn Oil Company will be the principal business of the term. It will likely last but the one day. Juries have not been summoned, none being required.

## CONFESSED

To Cutting and Stealing Copper Wire in Coal Mine and Young Man in Jail Awaiting Trial in Circuit Court.

Albert Singleton, a young man eighteen years of age, confessed in Magistrate Riley's court Tuesday evening to stealing some copper wire from the Pittsburgh & Fairmont Coal Company's mine, near Adamston, and disposing of the same to a junk dealer. He was bound over to circuit court in the sum of \$500 and in default was committed to jail. John and Clarence Goodwin are in jail under \$1,000 bond each awaiting circuit court trial for the same offense. The theft was committed last Sunday night when the mine was closed down. The large copper wire which transmits the electric current down into the mine was cut up into small pieces and taken to a junk dealer. The mining machinery and apparatus was seriously crippled thereby.

Singleton was taken to the Lewis county jail Wednesday morning.

## EXHIBITION OF PICTURES

Being Held at Central School Building is Largely Attended and Creating Much Interest in Study of Art.

The art exhibition of pictures opened in the Central school building Tuesday afternoon. The exhibition is given for the purpose of raising money to be used for the purchase of pictures for the rooms and corridors of the public schools. Besides this very commendable purpose it is given to create an interest in the study of the history of art and its great masterpieces.

A large and handsome collection of pictures, consisting of large sized carbon photographs, photographs, reproductions, etc., of the great work of art in architecture, sculpture and painting, loaned by A. W. Elson & Co., of Boston, Mass., is displayed in the right half of the auditorium room of the Central school building. The exhibition opened Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock and continued until ten o'clock. It was continued in the evening from seven to ten o'clock under the direction of the Primary department of the school. Wednesday afternoon the exhibit was open from two to five o'clock. On Thursday evening from seven to ten o'clock. The social features of the exhibition will be under the auspices of the Grammar and High School departments. The exhibition will be open Friday afternoon also. There is a large attendance and much interest is being manifested in the exhibit. An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

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## ADJUDGED INSANE

James Hanlon, Young Man Well Known in Sporting Circles Suffers Mental Collapse and Will Be Sent to Weston Insane Asylum.

James Hanlon, a young man well known in sporting circles in this city, and who has been making his home at the City hotel, on Pike street, was taken before Magistrate M. S. Riley Tuesday evening to answer to lunacy proceedings, which had been instituted against him. He was given a hearing and Dr. Meigs J. Bartlett made a medical examination. Hanlon exhibited all the symptoms of one mentally unbalanced and the doctor's examination confirmed them. The magistrate committed him to the State insane asylum at Weston. It is thought that the excessive habitual use of dope caused his mental collapse.

## DEMOCRATS DOWNED

And the Local Democratic Ticket Rejoices Over It--Disgusting to Local Democrats is Their Talk.

An amusing understanding of situations is shown by the talk that some of the city Democratic candidates are indulging in to-day about the city election at Grafton yesterday. There Democratic candidates are jubilant over the fact that the Democratic ticket got turned down in that city and are trying to make capital out of it for themselves, but just how the Democratic party is at a loss to know. Since there is so much rejoicing by the Democratic candidates here over the overthrow of the Democratic government in Grafton, the public is inclined to believe that these same fellows really got the Democratic nomination here to betray the party. At any rate their talk is amusing to Republicans and disgusting to Democrats, who would have rejoiced greatly, if their party had won at Grafton.

## BURGLARY OF SALOON THWARTED.

There was a strong belief that the Senate saloon, which was closed Tuesday by trustee C. B. Sperry, would be burglarized Tuesday night. By oversight the lights were left turned off and all was darkness around and in the saloon. It had been burglarized several times and there was cause for the belief that it might be burglarized that night, and at a late hour measures were taken to have the lights turned on. This was accomplished and a policeman kept an eye on the place the remainder of the night, thereby thwarting the proposed attempt.

## WEST MILFORD STORE HAS NOT CHANGED HANDS

The general merchandise store of Lee & Ward, at West Milford, has not been sold as was reported in these columns Tuesday. It is still in the hands of the same proprietors and will be continued by them as heretofore. Negotiations were on for the purchase of the business by J. O. Crist and M. L. Morrison, but the deal was not made.

## DR. ARNETT BACK FROM SCHOOL.

Dr. C. T. Arnett, of Marshall, has returned from New York city. He took a special course in medicine there, spending fifteen weeks at it. He may locate in this city.

## WELL KNOWN TYPE FOUNDRY MAN DROPS DEAD

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23--Robert Allison, of the board of public service, of Cincinnati, dropped dead in his bath room to-day aged 74 years. Mr. Allison has long been identified with the type foundry business.

## Sharp's Hotel, Lewis' Restaurant and Several Small Buildings Destroyed--Pittsburgher's Body is Taken Out of Ruins.

By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 23--By an explosion of either dynamite or natural gas, which has not yet been determined, Sharp's hotel, Lewis' restaurant and several small buildings were destroyed at Littleton last night, at a loss of \$20,000. The body of William Lawton, of Pittsburgh, has been taken from the ruins. It is feared other guests of the hotel perished. There was a number stopping there and several are missing.

The explosion occurred about 1:30 o'clock this morning and aroused the whole town. The fire that followed gutted the business section.

The bar room in the hotel was the first to catch fire. In a few minutes the whole building was ablaze. Panic reigned among the guests and a number is believed to have perished. The Lewis place adjoining the hotel was soon a mass of ruins.

The flames spread rapidly and for a time the whole town was threatened, but at three o'clock they were gotten under control.

When the fire started there was a wild scene about the hotel. The explosion rocked the building as well as the surrounding territory like an earthquake and there was a mad rush to escape the seething flames.

At a late hour this afternoon it was discovered that the explosion was caused by natural gas.

## FILIPINO PRESIDENT KILLED

In Battle With Captain Dewitt and Lieutenant Pilney and His Army Either Killed or Captured.

By Associated Press.

Manila, P. I., March 23--Captain Dewitt, with a detachment of constabulary and Lieutenant Pilney, with a detachment of scouts, have encountered Macar Sakay, the so-called president of the Filipino Republic. Sakay and fifteen men were killed and the remainder captured. There were no casualties on the part of the Americans.

## VICTIMS OF GAS

Man and Wife and Seamstress Killed by Breathing Illuminating Gas in Tenement House.

By Associated Press.

New York, March 23--Three persons were killed by breathing illuminating gas in an East Eleventh street tenement house to-day. They are Otto Grassman and wife and Rose Longfield, a seamstress. It is said Grassman had threatened to kill himself and wife in that way.

## GENERAL MILES WANTS TO POSTPONE CONVENTION

By Associated Press.

New York, March 23--Rev. James B. Dunn, of this city has received a letter from Lieutenant General Miles, advising that the temperance people delay holding their national convention until after the other political parties have made nominations, so as to be certain that temperance nominations are necessary.

## SENATOR DICK TAKES HIS SEAT

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., March 23--Senator Hanna's successor, General Dick, was officially introduced in the Senate to-day. His seat was hidden by piles of floral designs. Foraker announced his presence and then the two Ohio Senators arose to introduce him. Senator Foraker escorted Dick back to his seat, introducing him to the Senators. The gallery was filled with Buckeyes. Senator Dick had a long conference with Roosevelt last night.

## GRAFTON REPUBLICAN

Burdette Elected Mayor Over Straube by Handsome Majority and Three Out of Five Councilmen Are Republican.

Special to the Telegram.

Grafton, W. Va., March 23--The Republicans are jubilant over the results of the election held yesterday. Their ticket won by handsome majorities. A. W. Burdette was elected mayor over the present mayor, Charles Straube, by 209 majority. Charles M. Roach was elected city collector, and Charles H. Rector, Charles Stolzenfels and James W. Love, candidates for council, were elected by the Democrats by a close margin. The Republicans will have complete control of the city government. It is stated that in all probability the ticket-elect favors temperance.

## MR. NELMS RETURNS.

Bernard Nelms, the enterprising real estate agent, has returned from Huntington, where he spent the past two months looking after the office and business he has established there in a most successful manner. He may be found at his office in the Jacobs building, where he will give his attention to the real estate business as of yore.

## LAYING LONG BOARD WALK.

Residents of Monticello, the Piteira Coal Company and B. B. Stout, have arranged to construct a board walk from the city pump station along the Weston road to the corporation line, where it will connect with a sidewalk already laid. The walk will be a fourth of a mile long and three feet wide. Work began on it Wednesday morning.

## BALLOT CONTRACT AWARDED.

The ballot commissioners met late Tuesday evening and awarded the contract for printing the municipal election ballots and other equipments. The commissioners are Harvey W. Harmer, Will H. Cole and R. S. Douglass.

## SPECIAL PRAYER MEETING

Will Be Held at First Presbyterian Church To-Night--Cottage Prayer Meetings Will Be Held.

There will be special prayer meeting services at the First Presbyterian church to-night, preparatory to a series of meetings to be begun at the same church next week. Cottage prayer meetings will also be held, preparatory to said meetings, as follows: Thursday, March 24, at the residence of John L. Ruhl and Dr. T. M. Hood, to be conducted by W. B. McGregor and J. N. David, respectively; the following night at the residence of John Koblegard and Miss Edna McKeel, to be conducted by J. S. Hamilton and Mrs. C. M. Crist, respectively.

## RAN INTO OPEN SWITCH

Express Train on Lake Shore Road Had an Accident--Trainmen Reported Seriously Injured.

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23--An east bound express train on the Lake Shore road ran into an open switch at North-east, Pa., to-day. Several passenger coaches were derailed and the engine partly demolished the station. The engineer, baggage-master and a brakeman are reported seriously wounded.

## Freight Train Strikes Stone That Had Rolled From Mountain Side Jumped the Track and Rolled Over an Embankment.

## TICKET NUMBER NINETY-FIVE GETS HAT AT MISS PORTER'S

Those who attended Miss Mayme Porter's tailored millinery opening last week are wondering who won the beautiful hat that was to be given to the one holding the lucky ticket. The duplicate numbered tickets were drawn by a disinterested committee and ticket number 95 was drawn as the winner. Whoever holds the ticket number 95, can secure the hat by taking it to the millinery store.

## ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Is the Subject of a General Order Issued by Department of West Virginia of the Grand Army.

General order, No. 9, has been issued from the Department of West Virginia of the Grand Army of the Republic and is given herein:

The twenty-second annual encampment of this department will be held at Grafton on the 27th and 28th days of April, 1904, and will meet at the Court House at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 27th.

Headquarters will be established at the Blenavon hotel, on April 26th.

The memorial services will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church on the evening of the 26th, and will be conducted by the Rev. Taylor Richmond, department chaplain, to which all are invited to attend.

A camp fire will be held at the Brinkman opera house on the evening of the 27th.

The parade will take place at 1:30 o'clock p. m., on the 28th.

The council of administration will meet at headquarters at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 27th to transact the usual business.

The commander of Reno Post, No. 7, is directed to detail such officers and guards for duty during the session of the encampment as he may deem necessary.

The railroads have established a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on card orders from April 25th to the 28th, inclusive, and will be good for return passage to and including May 1st.

Application should be made to these headquarters for the number of card orders required.

A cordial invitation is extended to the organizations of the Women's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans, to be present and take part in these ceremonies.

The following named comrades are hereby announced as aides on the staff of the commander, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

F. C. Harvey, Post No. 17; W. M. Ervin, No. 50; John M. Millan, No. 88; Henry Bennett, No. 20; Wirt Phillips, No. 54; J. T. Holt, No. 21; H. C. Coffman, No. 14; S. J. Willhite, No. 7; William King, No. 2; Fred Sattow, No. 32; J. S. McHenry, No. 79; A. H. Cole, No. 66; James VanHorne, No. 59; C. Y. McAville, No. 32; W. D. Greathouse, No. 93. By command of

ALEXANDER C. MOORE, Official: Department Commander. Henry Haymond, Assistant Adjutant General. Clarksburg, W. Va., March 23, 1904.

## CONSTRUCTION RESUMED ON BREWERY PLANT

The construction of the Clarksburg Brewing Company's plant on East Pike street, was resumed Wednesday morning after having been suspended since the holidays on account of bad weather. Shinn Brothers, the brick contractors, now have a full force laying brick on the plant. The general contractor, Mr. Griesser, of Pittsburgh, was here Tuesday and made arrangements to push the construction to early completion.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad seems to be Jonah, or at least very ill-fated, for many miles east of Grafton and especially across the mountains. Several appalling wrecks have occurred on that section of the line the past few months and another took place Tuesday night. A freight engine and twelve cars left the track and rolled over an embankment to a track below the one they left. They caused loss of life and destruction of track and other railroad property.

The dead are: Frank Fraley, fireman, who saw home was at Terra Alta.

Wilson Richards, brakeman, of Cumberland, Md.

G. W. Rice, engineer, of Keyser, was fatally injured.

The train ran into a rock that had fallen from the mountain side. The engine and cars were all badly smashed and the track torn up for a considerable distance.

Trains were delayed many hours, the tracks being blocked and torn up so that trains could not pass. No. 1, the passenger train due here shortly after mid-night, going west, did not arrive until 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. It detained over the West Virginia Central as did also Nos. 12 and 4, going east. No. 3 Wednesday morning succeeded in getting through by the scene of the wreck and ran only an hour and a half late.

## JUBILEE SERVICE

Will Be Held To-Night at Goff M. E. Church--Miss Minnie Shay, Evangelist, Will Sing and Speak.

At Goff M. E. church to-night will be held a jubilee service. The revival meetings of the past several weeks will be brought to a formal close and a time of rejoicing and praising God for His goodness and blessing during these past weeks of special services will make up the order of service for to-night. Miss Minnie Shay, evangelist, of Philadelphia, who assisted so ably in these services for the past two weeks and now kindly consented to return to Clarksburg expressly to attend the service to-night. Miss Shay is now working in a meeting at Buckhannon, but will be here for the service to-night, and will both sing and speak during the service. Mr. J. H. Downan, who has greatly aided in the music during the meetings, will be present and direct the chorals. A male quartette composed of H. E. Dawson, Will L. Rodger, J. H. Downan and S. McClannahan, will sing two or more selections. A very enjoyable meeting is anticipated. All are invited to come. The converts during this meeting are requested to come early and occupy front seats.

## MYSTERIOUS

Is the Disappearance of Young Boggs Boy Who Has Been Missing From His Home Since Saturday.

James Boggs, the sixteen-year-old son of S. J. Boggs, of 119 Cain street, has been missing since last Saturday afternoon and his whereabouts at present are unknown. His parents are nearly distracted over his disappearance and they have instituted a search for him. Last Saturday afternoon the boy returned to his home from his place of employment. He is employed at the Hazel-Atlas Glass Factory. That afternoon he received his wages for his work and after leaving his home he disappeared and has not been heard of since.

## REMAINS SHIPPED TO BRAXTON COUNTY FOR BURIAL

The remains of the late Addison H. Wyatt, who died at his home on Water street Monday noon at the age of seventy years, were shipped to Braxton Station, Braxton county, Wednesday morning. The funeral occurred from the old home-stead at that place and burial was in the family burying ground.